Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Professional truck drivers safely deliver important goods to every home, community, school and business in America, traveling more than 200 billion miles delivering 8 billion tons of freight each year; and,

Whereas, America's and South Dakota's professional truck drivers have been honored as among the safest drivers on our highways, and;

Whereas, Many have been honored for extraordinary acts of heroism and bravery for saving fellow motorists from injury and death; and,

Whereas, In recognition of the importance of professional truck drivers to our well-being and the economic value of their industry to South Dakota and the United States, it is proper to honor men and women truckers, for their past and future contributions, and;

Whereas, The economic system of this country rides on the wheels of trucks; the men and women who drive them to keep that system going:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 24-31, 2003, as

NATIONAL TRUCK DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK

in South Dakota, and I call upon individuals and organizations, business and industry leaders, educators, the communications media, and the citizens of South Dakota to join me and South Dakota governmental agencies in observing this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities, and expressing gratitude to America's truckers for the professionalism and commitment to safety.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State